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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims	17	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2003-105222 A (Choi, Ho-Yeol et al.) 5 June 2003

2. Novelty and Inventive Step

Claim 1 of the present invention relates to a method of preparing a styrene-butadiene latex comprising the steps of manufacturing a core latex of styrene-butadiene polymers; coating the core latex with shell polymers multiple times; and adjusting the gel content and molecular weight of the outermost layer of the latex by adding a chain transfer agent singly.

Likewise, D1 also discloses a method of preparing styrene-butadiene core-shell latex comprising the steps of preparing seed latex; preparing first-shell covered latex; and preparing second-shell covered latex. A chain transfer agent is added in each step to control molecular weight, gel content, and structure of latex particle.

It is noted in claim 1 that a chain transfer agent is singly added after manufacturing step of shell polymers to control the properties of the outermost layer of the latex, while a chain transfer agent in D1 is added in each step of preparing seed, the first shell, and the second shell.

Moreover, D1 does not suggest that the outermost layer of latex modified by a chain transfer agent renders a superior adhesive force to final core-shell latex. Consequently, single addition of a chain transfer agent after manufacturing step of shell polymers offers the basis of the inventive step to claim 1.

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Supplemental Box

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Box V.

Since the independent claim 1 satisfies the requirement set out in PCT Article 33(2)~(3), the dependent claims 2~16 referring to the independent claim 1 are also recognized to satisfy the requirement of PCT Article 33(2)~(3).

Therefore, claims 1~16 of the present invention are considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2)~(3).

However, claim 17 of the present invention relates to a styrene-butadiene latex having a structure in which a core of styrene-butadiene polymers is coated with multiple layers of styrene-butadiene polymers.

D1 also discloses a method of preparing styrene-butadiene core-shell latex comprising the steps of preparing seed latex; preparing first-shell covered latex; and preparing second-shell covered latex. All the elements of claim 17 are already disclosed in D1 in that a core and multiple layers are prepared from styrene-butadiene polymers.

Therefore, claim 17 of the present invention is not novel. (PCT Article 33(2)).